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LAKESIDE MAN FACES FINE IN STORMWATER VIOLATION CASE

Guilty Plea to Contempt of Court Could Subject Man to \$22,000 Penalty

A Lakeside man has been ordered to pay a \$22,000 fine if he does not install the required erosion control devices on his property by Nov. 14. The fine stems from a citation issued by the County, which led to the man's guilty plea to contempt of court.

Richard Mark Anderson was cited for violating the County's Stormwater Quality Management Ordinance. That ordinance requires property owners who have graded their property to install erosion control devices to prevent silt and other pollutants from being washed into the County's storm drains, streams, rivers, bays and the ocean during a rainstorm.

The court ordered Anderson to pay the County a \$22,000 fine, plus up to \$5,000 in attorneys' fees if he does not install the required erosion control devices by Nov. 14, with some additional work to be completed by early December.

The original citation was issued in October 2001. When Anderson did not install the required erosion control devices, the County filed a lawsuit to seek his compliance. Superior Court Judge Janice Sammartino ordered Anderson to install the devices, and his failure to do so led to the contempt of court ruling.

The County contends that Anderson's failure to install the required devices poses a serious threat to the environment, because it could lead to pollution of our local waterways.

The County has been waging an aggressive campaign to get developers and property owners to control runoff that in the past has polluted the County's waterways following rainstorms. The County's campaign has included the enactment of a tough new ordinance and the execution of a broad enforcement plan involving the filing of civil and criminal actions against violators.

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Editor's note: A photograph of Anderson's property is available upon request.